

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A user interface for receiving inputs from a user, the user interface comprising:
 - a touch sensitive surface having a plurality of regions, each region corresponding to a selectable switch having a function; and
 - an interface formed from a continuous flexible sheet of at least partially transparent material and disposed on the touch sensitive surface over ~~at least one of~~ the plurality of regions, the interface ~~comprising a material that is at least partially transparent and~~ configured to provide tactile feedback to the user by flexibly deforming when pressed by the user;
 - wherein the touch sensitive surface is at least partially transparent and wherein at least one of a system of lights and an electronic display are disposed under the touch sensitive surface and controlled by electronics configured to selectively provide light to each of the regions. wherein the interface includes a plurality of buttons disposed over the plurality of regions and light is selectively provided to each of the plurality of buttons.
2. (Currently Amended) A user interface according to claim 1, wherein the interface is flexed upward and away from the touch sensitive surface over each region to simulate a mechanical button over each region. ~~comprises at least one button disposed over a region.~~
3. (Currently Amended) A user interface according to claim 2, wherein the function corresponding to one or more of the plurality of regions ~~the at least one button may be reconfigured~~ is configured to be changed by at least changing the light provided to each of the regions. emitted from the touch sensitive surface.

4. (Currently Amended) A user interface according to claim 1, ~~wherein the touch sensitive surface emits light that is visible through the interface~~

wherein the interface is configured to make localized contact with the region of the touch sensitive surface when pressed by the user.

5. (Cancelled).

6. (Original) A user interface according to claim 1, wherein the user interface is mounted in a vehicle.

7. (Original) A user interface according to claim 1, wherein the touch sensitive surface includes a display for at least one of graphics and text, and the at least one of graphics and text are visible through the interface.

8. (Original) A user interface according to claim 1, wherein the touch sensitive surface and interface are mounted in an automobile interior element.

9. (Original) A user interface according to claim 7, wherein the display is mounted in an automobile interior element.

10. (Currently Amended) A user interface for a vehicle, the user interface comprising:
- a plurality of switches, each switch corresponding to a function;
 - an interface formed from a continuous flexible sheet of at least partially transparent material and disposed over at least one of and spaced away from the plurality of switches, the interface comprising a material that is at least partially transparent and configured to provide tactile feedback to a user by flexibly deforming toward the plurality of switches when pressed; and
 - a display disposed beneath the interface, the display configured to provide display signals corresponding to the function of each switch;
 - wherein the interface is flexed away from the plurality of switches over each switch to simulate ~~includes~~ a plurality of buttons disposed over the plurality of switches and wherein the display is configured to light is selectively provide ~~light~~ light ~~[[to]]~~ beneath each of the plurality of simulated buttons.
11. (Cancelled).
12. (Original) A user interface according to claim 10, wherein the display signals include light that is visible through the interface.
13. (Cancelled).
14. (Original) A user interface according to claim 10, wherein the display signals include text that is visible through the interface.
15. (Original) A user interface according to claim 10, wherein the display signals include graphics that are visible through the interface.
16. (Original) A user interface according to claim 10, wherein the plurality of switches, interface and display are mounted in a automobile interior element.

17. (Original) A user interface system for a vehicle, the system comprising:
a display;
an interface disposed over the display and comprising a material that is at least partially transparent and configured to provide tactile feedback to a user, the interface including a plurality of contact regions, each contact region corresponding to a switch having a function;
a control circuit coupled to the display and the interface, the control circuit configured to receive control data from the interface in response to actuation of a contact region, to provide the control data to a vehicle system based on the corresponding switch function and to provide display signals to the display based on the corresponding switch function; and
a memory coupled to the control circuit and configured to store display data.
18. (Original) A user interface system according to claim 17, wherein the display is a touch sensitive surface having a plurality of regions, each region corresponding to a switch having a function.
19. (Original) A user interface system according to claim 17, wherein the display, the interface, the control circuit and the memory are mounted in an automobile interior element.
20. (Original) A user interface system according to claim 17, wherein a function corresponding to a contact region may be reconfigured by at least changing the display signals provided to an area of the display disposed beneath the contact region.
21. (Currently Amended) A user ~~used~~ interface according to claim 1, wherein ~~the switch is a portion of the interface is formed as a rotary control switch~~ configured to twist with respect to the touch sensitive surface interface; and
~~wherein twisting of the switch controls light which is selectively provided to any one of the plurality of regions on the touch sensitive surface, each region corresponding to a different function, wherein the switch is further configured to control any one of the functions.~~

22. (Currently Amended) A user interface according to claim 1, wherein the a portion of the interface switch is configured to move in a direction not perpendicular to the touch sensitive surface ~~face of the display~~; and

wherein moving of the portion of the interface switch in a direction not perpendicular to the touch sensitive surface ~~face of the display~~ is sensed by a control circuit which causes controls ~~light to be~~ which is selectively provided to any one or more of the plurality of regions on the touch sensitive surface, each region corresponding to a different function, ~~wherein the switch is further configured to control any one of the functions.~~

23. (Currently Amended) A user used ~~interface~~ according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the interface and the touch sensitive surface is coupled to a control circuit ~~is further configured to provide tactile feedback to user actuation of the interface via~~ in the manner of audible feedback.

24. (Currently Amended) A user used ~~interface~~ according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the interface and the touch sensitive surface is coupled to a control circuit ~~is further configured to provide tactile feedback to user actuation of the interface via~~ in the manner of vibratory feedback.

25. (Currently Amended) A user used ~~interface~~ according to claim 10, further comprising:

a rotary switch ~~configured to twist with respect to~~ formed from the interface and configured for twisting relative to the display;

~~wherein the rotary switch is configured to control a plurality of functions; and~~

~~wherein twisting of the rotary switch controls light which is selectively provided to any one of the plurality of regions on the touch sensitive surface, each region corresponding to a function in the plurality of functions.~~

26. (Currently Amended) A user interface according to claim 10, wherein the rotary switch is configured to be twisted ~~move~~ in a direction not perpendicular to the face of the display and to create one or more buckle points when twisted, the buckle points detectable by one or more of the plurality of switches; ~~and~~

~~wherein moving of the switch in a direction not perpendicular to the face of the display controls light which is selectively provided to any one of the plurality of regions on the touch sensitive surface, each region corresponding to a different function, wherein the switch is further configured to control any one of the functions.~~

27. (Currently Amended) A user used interface according to claim 10, wherein at least one of the interface and the plurality of switches is coupled to a control circuit is further configured to provide ~~tactile~~ feedback to user actuation of the interface via ~~in the manner of~~ audible feedback.

28. (Currently Amended) A user used interface according to claim 10, wherein at least one of the interface and the plurality of switches is coupled to a control circuit is further configured to provide ~~tactile~~ feedback to user actuation of the interface via ~~in the manner of~~ vibratory feedback.